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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PBOR, PDIP, MOPS, ASEC, DJ, ET, SO

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN CHARGES OF US CONNIVANCE WITH SOMALIA  
AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI

REF: DJIBOUTI 434; ADDIS ABABA 1382

1. CHARGE SHOULD APPROACH EITHER PRESIDENT GOULED OR PRIME  
MINISTER KAMIL (OR BOTH) AND SAY THAT WE ARE DISTURBED BY  
RECENT EPMG STATEMENTS WHICH ACCUSE USG OF PLOTTING WITH  
GSDR AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE OF ROD. AS DJIBOUTI LEADERS  
WILL HAVE RECOGNIZED, SUCH ACCUSATIONS ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT  
FOUNDATION. WE ARE MAKING A FORMAL PROTEST IN ADDIS ABABA  
CONCERNING THESE STATEMENTS.

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2. CHARGE SHOULD ADD THAT SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF THE  
REPUBLIC REMAINS A KEY ELEMENT IN US POLICY TOWARDS THE  
HORN. WE HAVE NOT RECENTLY PUBLICLY LINKED DJIBOUTI WITH  
QUESTION OF SOMALI IRREDENTISM BECAUSE WE DID NOT BELIEVE  
IT WISE TO CALL INTO DOUBT SOMALI DENIALS OF ANY TERRITORIAL  
CLAIM ON DJIBOUTI. SOMALI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REPEATEDLY

ASSURED US THAT THEY SOUGHT ONLY THE RIGHT OF SELF-  
DETERMINATION FOR THE DJIBOUTI POPULATION, AND, THAT  
POPULATION HAVING CHOSEN INDEPENDENCE, THE SOMALI GOVERN-  
MENT WOULD RESPECT THEIR CHOICE.

3. HOWEVER, IN ALL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOMALI  
GOVERNMENT--INCLUDING THOSE OF SPECIAL EMISSARY RICHARD  
MOOSE--ABOUT SECURITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND ABOUT  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT AS A CONDITION FOR  
AMERICAN ASSISTANCE WE WILL REQUIRE A COMMITMENT FROM  
THE GSDR THAT IT WILL RESPECT ITS NEIGHBOR'S BORDERS,  
WE HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT WE REFER TO ALL THREE OF  
SOMALIA'S NEIGHBORS--ETHIOPIA, DJIBOUTI AND KENYA. COOPER

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